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- 5:30 | Call to Order
  - Approval of Senate Meeting #3 Minutes
    - Approved
  - Approval of the Senate Meeting #4 Agenda
    - Approved
- 5:31 | Announcements
  - PDI Events
    - Resume and Transferable Skills by Dr. Isaiah Hankel (The Cheeky Scientist): Oct. 12 @ 12:00 pm
    - Learning to thrive, not just survive: Developing resiliency in grad school by Denise Yost, Director of CTLL: Oct. 15 @ 10:00 am
      - On the Vancouver Campus/livestream
    - Resources Available for International Students at WSU by Elitza Kotzeva (GWC), Dr. Elizabeth Siler (Department of English), and Cody Tornow (International Student Advisor): Oct 19 @ 10:30 am
      - Co-hosted by LAIGSO
    - Learning to thrive, not just survive: Developing resiliency in grad school by Caitlin Bletscher, Clinical Assistant Professor: Oct. 22 @ 10:00 am
      - On the Spokane Campus/livestream
    - [gradschool.wsu.edu/pdi](http://gradschool.wsu.edu/pdi)
  - Programming
    - Bowling Night @ Zeppoz: Oct. 12 @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm
      - Family friendly
      - Bring valid IDs if you want drinks
    - More will be confirmed in the near future!
  - Graduate and Professional Community Events
    - CSS Graduate Students: Halloween “Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat”
      - Canned food drive on Halloween night collecting goods for local food banks
      - Those interested should contact Carsten Voelkner:  
[carsten.voelkner@wsu.edu](mailto:carsten.voelkner@wsu.edu)
      - [Facebook link](#)
      - [Google doc](#)
    - Graduate & Professional Student Science Policy Initiative: Candidate Forum on Public Health focusing on science, policy, and the opioid crisis in Eastern WA



- October 20 @ 2-4pm
- Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane
- Confirmed attendance by Lisa Brown (US House, 5th CD) and Jessa Lewis (WA State Senate, 6t LD) and tentative attendance by Jeff Holy (WA State Senate, 6th LD) and Cathy McMorris Rodgers (US House, 5th CD)
- Those interested should contact Ashley Railey:  
[ashley.railey@wsu.edu](mailto:ashley.railey@wsu.edu)
- More details on facebook: [Candidate Forum on Public Health](#)
- 5:40 | Guest Speaker #1
  - Kamie Ethridge, Head Coach WSU Women's Basketball: Speaking on connections between athletics and graduate programs
    - Email: [womensbasketball@wsu.edu](mailto:womensbasketball@wsu.edu)
    - How we all find the thing we are passionate about, us as grad students and her as a coach
    - A new coach at WSU. The team has not had great success past few years, PAC 12 is a great conference and the team has a lot of work to do. She is thrilled to be here.
    - Hopes that we will come watch a game, follow the team, and help contribute to the validity of the women's team through our support.
- 5:50 | Dialogue with Coach Kamie Ethridge
  - Q (Josh): One thing we have been working on is the issue of student mental health, we recently traveled to DC and talked to senators about this issue. I wanted to know what you have to say about how student athletes can take care of themselves and find resources? Curious about your experiences on this difficult subject.
    - A: Five years ago, this was hardly spoken about. We now realize the magnitude of mental wellness and it touches us all in some capacity. There are drastic numbers of students struggling with some sort of mental health issue. Kate Fagan and book, "What Made Maddie Run", about high school athlete who ran off a building. Book discusses what occurred and the missed signals, as well as the importance of the social media and mental health relationship. We must be aware and looking for signals.
  - Q(Noel): Women basketball players I have had in my course have been great. What would you say are the hallmarks of those programs that we see doing so well? How can we do that? How can we as grad students help and what



can we be saying to our peers to gain attention to women's basketball program?

- A: For the most part student athletes on campus to get an education. We have a lot of structure to help students. We want them to be great all around people. Successful programs have created a good culture, and got the right people in their programs. Wants this program to be focused on respect and respect in every area of life. The team's struggles in the past have been blame, pointing fingers, and lack of unity. Big focus on behaviors. Want to teach players to be good people off and on the court. Grad students can help by attending games, 3,000 people in the stands is a significant crowd. Need to create a fan base and a community that supports their program. Come and bring your family
- Q: The football program has a deal with GPSA to give us a discount to come watch the games, and we take advantage of it. In the future, if there could be a deal for GPSA to be able to get tickets to come to games. Graduate students have to pay.
  - A: Undergrad students get in free. Will look into what can be done for us in terms of tickets. Please let us know how we can help GPSA and what this organization is doing.
- 6:00 | Guest Speaker #2
  - Jeff Elbracht, Director of UREC Facilities, and Joanne Greene, Director of UREC Programming: Speaking on UREC meeting graduate and professional student needs
    - University Recreation Overview
    - Primary facility is student recreation center. Built in 2001. Amenities include weight room, cardio areas, basketball courts, indoor soccer, volleyball, climbing wall.
    - Second facility is Chinook. Had for about a year and a half. Combination of union and recreation space. Weight and cardio spaces, saunas, study space, meditation room, napping pods, food service (Freshens-bigger than one in the CUB). Grad students aren't fee paying and don't have access to the Chinook, besides food services which are available to anyone including grad students.
    - Playfields and tennis courts. Available for open recreation.
    - Fees
      - SRC & DownUnder
        - Mandatory fee passed in Spring 1997



- \$157/semester (all students with 7 or more credit hours)
- Pullman-based students
- Fee covers building debt and operations of building
- Chinook
  - Mandatory fee passed in spring 2015
  - Voted separately for undergrads and grads, grads did not pass
  - \$98/semester (all undergrad students 7 or more credit hours)
  - Grad students can opt in at the same rate
  - Both facilities restricted access: if don't pay fee, don't get in
- Playfields/tennis/shared facilities
  - Operates funded through S&A fees
  - Fees go to construction and maintenance
- Programs
  - About \$40 of S&A feeds go to UREC programing
  - Employ a lot of students, including grad students (mostly undergrads).
  - Fitness classes and intramural sports
  - Grad students participate, but not at as high levels of undergrad
  - Programs include: Ufit 4.0 program with GPSA and Cougar Bike program
  - Programs a good way to get involved, students do better in school when they are involved.
  - Grad students use SRC more frequently than undergrads (more undergrads use SRC, but less frequently than grad students)
  - 67% of grad students use SRC/DU (has been consistent overtime)
  - 25% of grad students participate in UREC programs
  - Grad students can take fitness classes at the Chinook at a little bit of higher fee
- Hours
  - SRC/Chinook hours:  
<https://urec.wsu.edu/facilities/facility-hours/>
  - Determined by UREC board



- UREC advisory board
  - Function to advise on budgets, operational hours, and policy development
  - 16 member board
  - Composition: 11 student senators (currently 5 grad/pro): 1 GPSA appointee, 1 ASWSU appointee, 1 freshman
  - 4 admin seats: president's office, student affairs, business and finance, and provost office
  - 1 alumni seat
  
- 6:15 | Dialogue with UREC Advisory Board
  - Q: I know some grad students are interested in becoming fitness instructors, but the training time that's 3:30-5 on weekdays is not a great time for grad students. Could there be a time more accessible to grad students?
    - A: Absolutely. This time right now has had the most traction. Have moved it around a lot and tried different times. We would run a training for a group who wants an alternative time.
  - Q(Carson): problem with referees during intramural games. I know some refs haven't played the game and this can be a dangerous issue and lead to injury. What is the process for ref employment?
    - A: biggest complaint with intramural sports is the officials. Officiating is really hard. We let anybody officiate as long as go through our training, and demonstrate some level of proficiency. Will not be a level of expertise as at higher levels, like high school or college. We have a lead official program, with more experienced officials, with a lead official on every field whom work with new officials to minimize impact. Also have a sport supervisor watch one to two courts at a time and do evals on officials to help them improve. We also have meetings to go over issues from evals. Officials get 4-6 weeks of practice, which isn't long enough. We would love more people with experience to officiate. Feel free to email me or staff on UREC website with specific issues.
  - Q: For grad students, a lot of us use one gym, but not both. Is there a way to pay the fee, and pick which gym we want to use?
    - A: Fees are mandatory, not about usage. Because there is a bond tied to it, they are totally separate budgets. We actually don't and can't mingle those funds. We have heard we aren't offering same things at



both in the past, which is why you can still take classes at either.

Because of the way fees are structured, can't shift fees back and forth.

- Q: is the membership fee we pay yearly?
  - A: it is a semester fee.
- Q: why doesn't yearly fee add up on the website? The 98\$ over the summer is very high.
  - A: The yearly fee is for an additional member, spouse or partner of a student. Feel free to email me with other questions.
- Q: why is it so much more expensive during the summer?
  - A: \$157 for 17 weeks. 12 weeks for \$98. Very close to the same. Around a dollar a day for each. The mandatory fee was passed a certain way, would need to change the structure of it to make any changes.
- Q: about the UFIT program, for grad/prof students. Currently on a spring program, what about the fall? Also, undergrads gets scholarship, would be nice for grad to get more as well.
  - A: would love to do something in the fall. If you all are interested, we would love to do that. AWSU funds the scholarship that undergrads get, and GPSA funds prizes grads get.
- Q: Summer session question. If students are here for limited time, can it be prorated? Would be nice to not have to pay for the whole summer if only here for a month.
  - A: it is prorated depending on how long you are taking a class.  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of fee.
  - Q: but we are often not taking classes as grad students
  - A: If not enrolled student for summer, your options are day guest passes. We get asked this question a lot. Management of access and non-access on variable rates can be complicated and burdensome.
- Q: I would like to be more imaginative about helping grad students have more access to the chinook.
  - A: We can take a look at this. Need to be fair to students who are not paying mandatory fee.
- Q: Is it possible to get access to urec after 11? Can we extend the time we can access the gym? Would be nice for grad students schedules.
  - A: have added times and expanded over the years, added later and earlier times. Each additional hour added during the school year, cost an additional \$25,000 (without pool). There is a cost associated with it. Survey will go out to get feedback about the services, we will



include a question about the hours. This will be coming out soon so be sure to take this.

- 6:30-6:45 | Intermission: Bathroom, Refills, Seconds
  
- 6:45 | Open Floor
  - Open Discussion
    - In response to what Margret said on zoom, as an off-campus senator we are often not knowledgeable about resources available to us. So thinking about developing a resource sheet.
    - I think GPSA could work on making sure we get paid how much we should and more. It should increase with inflation. We should get increases with cost of living increases. This would help us do even better work.
      - David: how might we do this? A resolution possibly.
    - We think that it would be good to bring back the senator of the year scholarship, and add coffee to the snacks.
    - We should have resolution about the stipend levels. Also, the housing prices increase and the stipends do not. When they come to talk, they should focus on these issues instead of just saying it is unchangeable.
      - David: Housing will be coming and I will let them know ahead of time the issues we want to focus on
    - Stipends as well. Why is there a discrepancy between different colleges? Does the campus climate task force still exist or are there updates on that?
      - David: the working groups are within student involvement. If you want to be involved, we can get you involved. They are having those conversations. That is set at program levels.
    - (Michael) Us not getting a raise, some of that comes from the state. WSU doesn't have control over some of those budget changes. Maybe be addressed with legislature during COug Day at the Capital. Housing and dining is self-sufficient and separate from our pay. If housing is going up and our stipends are not, not a housing issue. Need to pressure admin to address this. Can also address some issues and take them to bring to budget committee.
      - David: Joan King coming next senate meeting, and we can have budget conversations.
    - Today is Indigenous People's Day, as recognized by WSU and Pullman, not Columbus Day. We should recognize this.



- (Ralph) The high fees that we pay as grad students, focusing on the CUB renovation fees and the rec fees which are both very high and contribute largely to the fees we pay.
  - David: CUB renovation fee like UREC fee in that paying off debt. For 15 more years and inflexible from the university point of view. University committees are where these conversations should happen.
- University Committee Update
  - All filled
- Senate t-shirts are ordered, should be here by the senate after next
- Items from the gallery
  - None
- 7:00 - 7:30 | New Business
  - Chat 'n Chew with President Schultz
    - Nov. 13 ~5:30 location TBD
    - Goal: Provide a space for conversation, informal, approachable, share experiences and perspectives
    - Look for details in Monday Minute, next senate, and social media
    - Open for all grad/prof students
    - Dress is casual, come as you are
  - Legislative affairs
    - Mental Health Speaker Series
      - October 24th – Resilience documentary presentation in Todd 276, at 3:30 p.m. A second showing with a panel discussion to follow will take place at 5:30 p.m. in CUE 203.
        - Causes and origins of student stress
      - November 13th – Michelle Poler, speaker on mental health stigmas, will speak at 5:30 p.m. in the CUB Junior Ballroom.
      - January 23rd-24th – Ross Szabo, “Behind Happy Faces”
    - 2018 Midterm Engagement Events
      - October 15th – Miguel De La Torre on U.S. immigration (“Why They Come”), starting at 12 p.m. in Bryan 308.
      - October 15th – Issue forum hosted by the League of Women Voters at the Trinity Lutheran Church from 7-9 p.m.
      - October 17th – Judicial candidate (and possible State House candidate) forum at the Whitman County Library Center (Colfax) from 7-9 p.m.
      - October 18th – County-level candidate forum at the Trinity Lutheran Church from 7-9 p.m.





- October 30th – Election Issues Student Debate hosted by CCE and the WSU Poli. Sci. Club in Butch’s Den starting at 5 p.m.
- November 6th – Election Night watch party hosted by the CUB and CCE in the CUB Lair, starting at 5 p.m.
- Announcement of brief explainers of WA initiative issues, produced by the Legislative Affairs committee. Where to make it available?
  - packet of material about the 2018 midterm WA initiatives
  - Produced by legislative affairs committee
  - One-page of four proposed initiatives and one advisory vote
    - Advisory vote 19-funding for oil spill recovery efforts
    - I-940-law enforcement training
    - I-1631-imposed fee on corp carbon output
    - I-1634- local control imposing grocery taxes
    - I-1639-gun control measures
  - Please vote if you can
- RSO Affiliate Funding Announcement and Policy Overview
  - [Semester review form](#)
  - GPSA funding will open up soon
  - Deadlines: semester review and app opens october 15th and open until november 16th
  - Affiliate funding refresher:
    - Must be 50% grad or prof students
    - Can submit for up to \$1,500
    - <https://gpsa.wsu.edu/our-programs/rso-affiliate-funding>.
- Senator Seed Grants
  - Deadline change?
  - \$1,000 will be awarded to one app per college
    - Apps available now on Cougsync
    - Applications originally closed Oct. 12th, has been moved a week later.
    - Applications now close Oct. 19th
- Off-Monday Meetings with VP and Internal Affairs
  - Next is Oct. 15th 1-3pm
  - Please email ([gpsa.internal@wsu.edu](mailto:gpsa.internal@wsu.edu)) or utilize the internal affair comments box
- 7:30 | Adjournment